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Education Commissioner, Students Visit Summer Learning Sites

Highlighting many of the summer-learning opportunities available in Rhode Island, Education Commissioner Deborah A. Gist and a group of elementary-school students who participate in YMCA programs visited summer-learning sites today (June 28, 2011).

“Most of our schools have just closed for the summer, but learning doesn’t take a vacation,” Gist said. “There are many opportunities in Rhode Island where, at little or no cost, students and their families can have fun and learn this summer. We want people to be sure children are involved in fun and productive activities so that they can retain what they’ve learned in school and continue to learn during the summer months.”

The sites that the Commissioner and the students visited today included:

YMCA of Greater Providence – Y on the Move

Today’s location: Southside Water Park, 674 Prairie Ave., Providence
www.ymcagreaterprovidence.org

Roger Williams Park Museum of Natural History + Planetarium

1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence
<http://providenceri.com/museum>

Save the Bay

100 Save the Bay Dr., Providence
www.savebay.org/education

“Children’s minds are always open for learning activities,” Gist said. “Children can learn from teachers, counselors, mentors, and of course parents as well – through family activities and at many of the high-quality programs that are available across the state.”

Attached to this news release is a list of links to and contracts for programs and organizations in Rhode Island that have summer-learning opportunities for children and families at little or no cost. There are still openings in many of the programs, particularly in the Providence area.

“There are so many things that families can do to celebrate learning and to prepare their children from success in school,” said Commissioner Gist. “I hope Rhode Islanders will take advantage of these opportunities and have a wonderful summer of learning and fun!”

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